



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Final Meeting Minutes: November 9, 2006

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Administrative Business

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM. Henni Krawtschenko (EWMUA/AEA) motioned to approve the October minutes. The minutes were approved.

Subcommittee Reports

Laboratory Certification Program: Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) stated the Department is reviewing the EPA Water Methods Rule. The changes will become effective 60 days after publication. Rachel stated the Department will update methods in the ACPL renewal package. Many of the methods were replaced with Standard Methods. Phil Worby (QC Labs) mentioned that PADEP indicated from a conversation with EPA that the old methods will still be accepted if they are listed by specific reference in a permit until the permit is renewed. Terri McIntyre (Merck) asked if an ELCP lab performs S&HW PTs for SW-846 methods on soil does the certification apply to waters. Rachel answered yes. Terri further asked how long it would take to get certification for additional compounds on a method for which she already has certification. Peter Boughton (NJDEP-OQA) answered a couple of months.

PT Program: Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) stated the S&HW PTs should be in-house now. The DW suspension letters were sent. Invoices for the January DW study are due the end of November.

NELAC/INELA Update: NELAC/INELA have officially merged. NJDEP legal is reviewing. The biannual meeting will be held in January. (*The announcement letter has been emailed to the ELAC membership list*).

NJQL's: No report.

Bioassay: No report.

Sludge (Biosolids): No report.

Communications and OQA Website: No report.

Old Business

Bureau of Safe Drinking Water: Linda Bonnette (NJDEP-BSDW) stated a round table was held Friday November 3. She indicated there is still consternation by the Water companies regarding direct upload of data by the laboratory without Water Company review. Harvey Klein (Garden State Labs) stated they sent 1000 letters for direct upload approval from their clients and only 3 denied approval. Linda stated the Water Company can review the data after it has been uploaded and any mistakes can be corrected. Frank Medora (Aqua

Pennsylvania) stated a similar direct upload by Pennsylvania has drastically reduced violation letters (due to transcription errors).

PWTA: Mark Feitelson (Precision Analytical Services) was under the impression that the old database system is no longer accepting data. Harvey Klein (GSL) stated the old system is currently functional. Rich Gunosky (NJDEP-BLDM) is available for assistance with uploading under the old database system. No update on the status of the new Enterprise system.

Mark Feitelson (PAS) stated there are instances where a county is treating the PWTA limits similar to an MCL. Harvey Klein (GSL) stated that a county can be more stringent than the state via legal ordinance of Freeholders.

Site Remediation: Many questions regarding if and when the TPH-IR method will be eliminated. Phil Worby (QC Labs) stated that TPHC via method 418.1 will go away with the acceptance of the new methods. It was requested that someone from Site Remediation attend to discuss in December. Steve Reduker (IAL) stated he has a case manager regulating to the GWQC when it is below the PQL if reported by the lab. The room consensus was that the regulatory limit should be the GWQS (higher of PQL or GWQC). It was suggested that Steve contact either Gary Czock or MaryAnn Kursik.

New Business: Harvey Klein (GSL) stated his term as chairman ends in December. He nominated Tom Cady (HC-V) as chair for 2007. The nomination was seconded by Phil Worby (QC). Sharon O'Toole was nominated for Secretary. A vote will be held at the December meeting.

Lab Certification Fee Proposal: No report.

There were not any other new issues. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for 09:30 AM on December 14, 2006 – 5th Floor Conference Room.

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